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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: September 30, 2022

FILE NO: 019-04852-0399-055

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JASON P. WOLAK, COMMANDER
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION

TO: MONICA L. BOTELLO, ACTING CAPTAIN
SOUTH LOS ANGELES STATION

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS**

Case Number:	SH2485799
Incident:	Hit Shooting
Incident Date:	June 6, 2019
Unit:	South Los Angeles Station
Suspect(s):	Edtwon L. Stamps MB/031892
Involved Employees:	Deputy Quang Huynh, #[redacted] Deputy Michael J. Lee, #[redacted]
EFRC Date:	September 15, 2022
Statute Date:	November 7, 2022

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Valerie E. Silgero, Edward C. Ramirez, and Jason P. Wolak (Chair) met and reviewed the above case.

FINDINGS:

The EFRC determined the tactics and force used by Deputies Huynh and Lee in this incident were within Department policy.

The EFRC determined the Vehicle Pursuit was not within Department policy.

The EFRC determined the Foot Pursuit was not within Department policy.

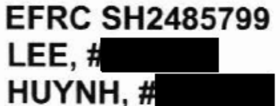
The facts in this investigation support the following charges:

1. That in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/030.10, Obedience to Laws, Regulations, and Orders [as it pertains to 5-09/210.02, Initiation of a Pursuit], on or about June 6, 2019, while on-duty and assigned to South Los Angeles Station, Subject Michael J. Lee failed to conform to the standards established for his rank of deputy sheriff and/or failed to perform his duties in a manner which would tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives of the Department, when he failed to comply with Department policies, procedures, and training, as evidenced by, but not limited to the following:

    a. Subject Lee violated Department policy when he initiated an unauthorized vehicle pursuit of a suspect in violation of a California Vehicle Code Sections 4000a1, Expired Vehicle Registration; and/or 14601.1(a), Driving with a Suspended or Revoked License; both allegations of which dictated that a pursuit shall not be initiated or continued; and,

    b. failing to broadcast radio traffic of required information via a dispatch frequency with the Sheriff's Communication Center upon initiation of the vehicle pursuit.

2. That in violation of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/030.10, Obedience to Laws, Regulations, and Orders [as it pertains to 5-09/210.02, Initiation of a Pursuit; and/or 5-09/220.20, Foot Pursuits], on or about June 6, 2019, while on-duty and assigned to South Los Angeles Station, Subject Quang T. Huynh failed to conform to the standards established for his rank of deputy sheriff and/or failed to perform his duties in a manner which would tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives of the Department, when he failed to comply with Department policies, procedures, and training, as evidenced by, but not limited to the following:



c. Subject Huynh violated Department policy when he initiated an unauthorized vehicle pursuit of a suspect in violation of California Vehicle Code Sections 4000a1, Expired Vehicle Registration; and/or 14601.1(a), Driving with a Suspended or Revoked License; both allegations of which dictated that a pursuit shall not be initiated or continued; and,

d. failing to broadcast radio traffic of required information via a dispatch frequency with the Sheriff's Communication Center upon initiation of the vehicle and foot pursuit.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on an assessment of mitigating and aggravating factors for Subject Lee, #[redacted] the EFRC Panel recommended a **suspension with loss of pay and benefits for one (1) day.**

Based on an assessment of mitigating and aggravating factors for Subject Huynh, #[redacted] the EFRC Panel recommended a **suspension with loss of pay and benefits for two (2) days.**

The Panel also recommended Deputies Lee and Hyunh attend the following Department training courses:

1. Tactics and Survival – Critical Incidents (High Risk)

2. Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVOC)

Central Patrol Division Chief April Tardy concurred with the findings and recommendations of the Panel.

JPW:DJW:djw

2e. Involved Employee Deputy Michael Lee (IAB Interview)

3. Witness Detective [redacted] (IAB Interview)

4. Witness Deputy Daniel Tepale (IAB Interview)

5. Witness Deputy Justin Greene (IAB Interview)

6. Witness Deputy Kevin Honea (IAB Interview)

7. Witness Deputy Daniel Ike (IAB Interview)

8. Witness Deputy Daniel Gonzalez (IAB Interview)

9. Witness Deputy Christopher Quinones (IAB Interview)

10. Witness [redacted] (IAB Interview)

EXHIBITS

A. One (1) USB containing Homicide Casebook Incident Report Number 019-04852-0399-055, scene photographs, surveillance videos, audios and transcripts of interviews, copies of South Los Angeles inservices, and radio traffic.

B. Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Letter of Opinion dated on November 8, 2021

C. One (1) DVD containing SCC dispatch, L-Tac, and A-Tac recordings

D. Printout of GST Tracker Activity Report for SD7155 dated June 6, 2019- June 7, 2019, between 2100 hours through 2300 hours, Map Obtained from the Mobile Digital Computer (MDC) of the Route of Travel and One (1) DVD containing GPS data

E. Google Maps of Location marked by Involved Employee Deputy Huynh

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

South Los Angeles Unit History Report for Unit 32/E dated on June 7, 2019

South Los Angeles Deputy Daily Worksheet Report for Unit 32/E dated on June 7, 2019

Administrative Rights (Sworn & Non-Sworn) Force/Shooting Investigation Form Signed by Witness Employee Deputy Ike, dated on June 30, 2022

Administrative Rights (Sworn & Non-Sworn) Force/Shooting Investigation Form Signed by Witness Employee Deputy Gonzalez, dated on June 20, 2022

Administrative Rights (Sworn & Non-Sworn) Force/Shooting Investigation Form Signed by Witness Employee Deputy Quinones, dated on June 23, 2022

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
06/06/19	South Los Angeles	[ ]	[✓]

Incident Information

URN: 019-04852-0399-055	Date: 06/06/19	Time: 2227 hours

City or Station: Inglewood

Location: [redacted] Imperial Highway

Nature of Incident: The suspect fled from a traffic stop. The deputies located the suspect on foot in the area. The suspect armed himself with a pistol. A deputy involved shooting occurred.

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- [ ] Backyard
- [ ] Beach
- [ ] Business
- [ ] Freeway
- [ ] Industrial
- [ ] Park
- [ ] Parking Lot
- [✓] Residence
- [ ] Rural
- [ ] School
- [✓] Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- [ ] Darkness
- [ ] Daylight
- [ ] Other
- [✓] Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- [ ] Clear
- [✓] Cloudy
- [ ] Fog
- [ ] Rain

Distance: 10 feet

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- [ ] Accidental
- [✓] Armed Person
- [ ] Fleeing Suspect
- [ ] Foot Pursuit
- [ ] Gun Take Away
- [ ] Moving Vehicle
- [ ] Sniper/Ambush
- [ ] Startle
- [ ] Struggle Involved
- [ ] Traffic Stop
- [ ] Unarmed Person
- [ ] Unintentional
- [ ] Vehicle Pursuit
- [ ] Warrant Service
- [ ] Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- [ ] Arrest Warrant
- [ ] Call
- [ ] Observation
- [ ] One Person Unit
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Search Warrant
- [✓] Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- [ ] Detective
- [ ] Inmate Transport
- [ ] Other
- [✓] Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? [ ] Canine Unit? [ ]

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
45	10

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	Tepale	Daniel		[✓] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	[✓] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	Greene	Justin	C.	[✓] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	[✓] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
[redacted]	[redacted]			
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
Last Name	**First Name**	**M.I.**		
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**
Last Name	**First Name**	**M.I.**		
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Rodriguez	Jason	O.	[✓] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	R.	[✓] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Sheffield	Bradley	W

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Parga	Carlos	L

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SH # 2485799

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
06/06/19	2239		

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Chapman	Scott	D.
[redacted]	Upton	Steve	W.
[redacted]	Dinh	Minh	G.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	FH	SW	40	N	N	NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	AR
E#2	S#1	FH	SS	45	Y	Y	GS	LE

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Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 019-04852-0399-055

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name Huynh	First Name Quang	M.I. T.
Sex: M Race: A	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: South Los Angeles	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit # 32
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 508	Weight: 120		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Berretta 92FS Caliber 9 # Shots 29		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	ast Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp [redacted]	st Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E 2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name Lee	First Name Michael	M.I. J.
Sex: M Race: B	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: South Los Angeles	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit # 32
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6-8	Dut[redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 600	Weight: 190		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapo[redacted] Used?	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Sig Sauer P227 Caliber 45 # Shots 16		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	ast Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	st Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.

E

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

URN: 019-04852-0399-055

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Stamps	First Name: Edtwon	M.I. L.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
Sex: M Race: B	Street Add[redacted] City [redacted]	[redacted]ip [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone: / Social Security #:	Driver's License #: F1594321
Age: 27 D.O.B. 03/18/92	Height: 600 Weight: 178 / FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking #	Primary Charge: (deceased)	Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2019-04317 / Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Marijuana
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑ / Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: Dodge Model: Neon	Year: 2004 Parole: No	Probation: No Prior Felony Conviction: Yes

S

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address: City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone: / Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight: / FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐ / Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model:	Year: Parole:	Probation: Prior Felony Conviction:

S

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address: City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone: / Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight: / FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐ / Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model:	Year: Parole:	Probation: Prior Felony Conviction:

S

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address: City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone: / Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight: / FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐ / Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model:	Year: Parole:	Probation: Prior Felony Conviction:

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SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Honea	Kevin	A.	South Los Angeles Station	90044	323-820-6700	
Ike	Daniel	C.	Transit Service Bureau	90053	323-563-5000	
Gonzalez	Daniel	A.	South Los Angeles Station	90044	323-820-6700	
Quinones	Christopher	D.	South Los Angeles Station	90044	323-820-6700	

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Deceased**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH 2485799**
URN#:	**019-04852-0399-055**
DATE/TIME:	**June 6, 2019, 2227 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **East Imperial Highway, Inglewood**

SYNOPSIS

On June 6, 2019, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Shooting Response Team comprised of Lieutenant Minh Dinh, #[redacted] Sergeants Scott Chapman, #[redacted] and Steve Upton, #[redacted] responded to [redacted] in the city of Inglewood, regarding an on-duty hit shooting. On August 2, 2021, the case was reassigned to Sergeant Paulette Cain.

Suspect Edtwon Stamps sustained gunshot wounds to his head, left hand, left arm, left leg, and right buttocks. He was transported to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. No deputies were injured.

Lieutenant Dinh verified South Los Angeles (SLA) Station watch commander, Lieutenant Carlos Parga, #[redacted] took reasonable steps to ensure the involved personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. Lieutenant Dinh also ensured Lieutenant Parga knew the involved personnel should not collectively consult with their representatives. Additionally, Lieutenant Dinh confirmed Lieutenant Parga ensured the involved personnel remained in the company of a supervisor until they provided individual statements to the assigned investigators.

Upon their arrival, IAB investigators learned there was an active command post and containment of the crime scene. Investigators learned of the series of events, which culminated in the on-duty hit shooting, by Deputies Quang Huynh, #[redacted] and Michael Lee, #[redacted] who were assigned to SLA Station at the time of the incident.

Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau Detectives Kevin Acebedo, #[redacted] and Robin Amador, #[redacted] arrived and assumed control of the shooting investigation. For

further information, refer to the Homicide Bureau case book, under Uniform Report Number (URN) 019-04852-0399-055 **[Exhibit A]**.

SUMMARY

On June 6, 2019, Deputies Huynh and Lee were assigned as Unit 32. At approximately 2218 hours, they were stopped in their black and white patrol vehicle, in the southbound number #2 lane of Crenshaw Boulevard at the intersection of Imperial Highway. Deputy Huynh (passenger) conducted a routine license plate inquiry on the Mobile Digital Computer (MDC) of a Dodge Neon (CA #[redacted] stopped in the #3 lane of Crenshaw Boulevard and learned the vehicle's registration was expired.

Deputy Lee (driver) activated the overhead lights and siren "yelp" to conduct a traffic stop. The driver, Suspect Edtwon Stamps, turned westbound on Imperial Highway from Crenshaw Boulevard and stopped his vehicle along the north curb line.

Deputy Huynh exited the patrol vehicle and approached Suspect Stamps' vehicle along the passenger side. Deputy Lee exited the patrol vehicle and approached Suspect Stamps' vehicle along the driver's side. Deputy Huynh noticed Suspect Stamps was the sole occupant in the vehicle. Through a partially opened passenger side window, Deputy Huynh ordered Suspect Stamps to turn the vehicle's engine off, which Suspect Stamps complied.

Through a partially opened driver side window, Deputy Lee asked Suspect Stamps if he had a driver license. Suspect Stamps replied he did not but could provide his driver license number. Deputy Lee ordered Suspect Stamps to step out of the vehicle pending a driving without a license investigation; however, Suspect Stamps refused. Deputy Lee attempted to open the driver side door; however, it was locked. Suspect Stamps refused to open the door.

Suddenly, Suspect Stamps started the vehicle ignition and drove away at a high rate of speed (approximately 60 mph) westbound on Imperial Highway. Deputies Lee and Huynh returned to the patrol vehicle to follow Suspect Stamps. They observed Suspect Stamps made a right turn northbound onto the first residential street, Lemoli Avenue, and out of view. Deputies Lee and Huynh followed the direction they last saw Suspect Stamps and turned northbound onto Lemoli Avenue.

IAB Note: IAB investigators were unable to determine the length of the pursuit.

Deputies Lee and Huynh drove through the residential neighborhood north of Imperial Highway searching for Suspect Stamps' vehicle for approximately three to four minutes. Deputies Lee and Huynh observed Suspect Stamps' vehicle four to five blocks south from them, near the intersection of 112th Street and Yukon Avenue. Suspect Stamps drove southbound on Yukon Avenue toward Imperial Highway. Deputies Lee and Huynh followed the direction they last saw Suspect Stamps.

Suspect Stamps turned west onto Imperial Highway and drove westbound. Suspect Stamps conducted a quick U-turn near the intersection of Yukon Avenue. Suspect Stamps drove east on Imperial Highway and turned south onto Yukon Avenue. Deputies Lee and Huynh attempted to conduct a U-turn at the same intersection but due to roadway construction on Imperial Highway and vehicular traffic, they were delayed in catching up to Suspect Stamps' vehicle. They lost visual of Suspect Stamps' vehicle.

IAB Note: Surveillance video showed Deputy Lee and Huynh conducted a U-turn immediately after the suspect vehicle. Additionally, the surveillance video showed Deputies Lee and Huynh were not obstructed by roadway construction nor oncoming traffic. On August 25, 2022, the discrepancy was discussed in the follow-up interview with Deputy Lee.

Deputies Lee and Huynh followed the direction they last saw Suspect Stamps and turned south onto Yukon Avenue. As they continued southbound, Deputy Huynh observed a vehicle's brakes lights west of them on 115th Street. They drove west and located Suspect Stamps' vehicle. They observed Suspect Stamps exit his vehicle and ran west on 115th Street. Suspect Stamps climbed over a fence on the west end of a construction site, but Deputies Lee and Huynh did not pursue Suspect Stamps into the construction site.

Deputy Lee reversed the patrol vehicle to Yukon Avenue. Deputies Lee and Huynh continued north on Yukon Avenue to Imperial Highway. They turned west on Imperial Highway and observed Suspect Stamps as he walked west on the south sidewalk. Deputy Huynh exited the patrol vehicle and ran toward Suspect Stamps.

Deputy Lee remained in the patrol vehicle and drove a short distance ahead of Suspect Stamps and Deputy Huynh. Deputy Lee stopped the patrol vehicle in a driveway entrance located at [redacted] Suspect Stamps walked south into the driveway at the location, near the front of the residence. As Deputy Lee exited the patrol vehicle, Suspect Stamps turned toward Deputy Lee.

Deputy Huynh ran shortly behind Suspect Stamps and stopped near a dumpster east of the residence located at [redacted] approximately ten feet from Suspect Stamps. Deputy Huynh detained Suspect Stamps at gunpoint and ordered him to get on the ground. Suspect Stamps reached into his waistband and retrieved a firearm. Suspect Stamps turned toward Deputy Huynh and pointed the firearm at him. Deputy Huynh feared for his life and fired approximately three to six times at Suspect Stamps. Simultaneously, Suspect Stamps fired his firearm toward Deputies Huynh and Lee.

Deputy Huynh's firearm malfunctioned; however, he corrected the malfunction. He took a position of cover behind the dumpster. Deputy Lee exited the patrol vehicle and left the vehicle running. As Deputy Lee took a position behind a vehicle parked in the

driveway, Suspect Stamps fired approximately two rounds toward Deputy Lee. From approximately 20 to 25 feet, Deputy Lee fired approximately seven to eight rounds toward Suspect Stamps. Deputy Lee broadcasted over the radio a deputy involved shooting occurred. Deputy Lee's firearm also malfunctioned, but he also corrected the malfunction. Suspect Stamps continued to shoot toward Deputy Lee.

Suspect Stamps turned toward Deputy Huynh and fired two rounds. Deputy Huynh fired a second volley until his magazine was emptied. Suspect Stamps walked toward the patrol vehicle. Deputy Huynh repositioned himself behind a telephone pole and reloaded a new magazine into his firearm. Suspect Stamps entered the patrol vehicle from the open driver's side door and sat in the driver's seat. Suspect Stamps pointed the firearm through the open driver's side window toward Deputy Lee. Deputy Lee fired a second volley of approximately six to seven rounds into the patrol vehicle toward Suspect Stamps. Deputy Huynh fired a third volley of approximately eight to twelve rounds into the patrol vehicle toward Suspect Stamps.

Suspect Stamps appeared to be incapacitated in the driver's seat. Deputy Lee emerged from his position of cover. Deputy Lee broadcasted an update on the radio of the condition of Suspect Stamps.

Approximately two minutes later, Unit [redacted] Detective [redacted] #[redacted] and Deputy Daniel Tepale, #[redacted] arrived at the location. Shortly after, Unit 31, Deputies Greene, #[redacted] and Christopher Quinones, #[redacted] Unit 34, Deputy Daniel Ike, #[redacted] and Arnulfo Sanchez, #[redacted] Unit 30W4, Deputies Kevin Honea, #[redacted] and Daniel Gonzalez, #[redacted] arrived at the location. Deputy Honea formulated a tactical plan to safely approach Suspect Stamps and to render first aid. Deputy Honea broadcasted the deputies' approach over the radio on the duplex patch. Deputy Honea, Detective [redacted] and Deputy Ike approached Suspect Stamps in the vehicle. Upon the approach, Suspect Stamps had the firearm on his lap. Deputy Honea removed the firearm from Suspect Stamps' lap and placed it on the patrol vehicle's dashboard. Deputies Honea and Ike placed Suspect Stamps on the ground and rendered aid.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel responded and provided medical attention to Suspect Stamps. Suspect Stamps was transported to Harbor- UCLA Medical Center. On June 7, 2019, at approximately 0152 hours, Dr. Vincent Chong pronounced Suspect Stamps deceased.

On June 8, 2019, a Post-Mortem Examination was conducted by Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Vadims Poukens of the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner. Dr. Poukens later concluded the gunshot wound Suspect Stamps sustained to the head was self-inflicted. Supervising Criminalist Sarah Buxton de Quintana of the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner reviewed Suspect Stamps' toxicology results. The toxicology report indicated the presence of marijuana in Suspect Stamps' body **[Exhibit A, Medical Examiner-Coroner Report, pages 174-203]**.

The involved deputies were not assigned body-worn cameras at the time of the shooting.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Justice System Integrity Division reviewed the shooting of Suspect Stamps by Deputies Lee and Huynh. In their letter of opinion, dated November 8, 2021, Deputy District Attorney Alan Yochelson concluded, Deputies Lee and Huynh, acted in lawful self-defense and defense of others **[Exhibit B]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES AND WORK HISTORY

Quang Huynh, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
South Los Angeles Station

Date of Employment:	June 6, 2007
Date Assigned to Patrol/SLA:	February 21, 2016
Date Completed Patrol Training/SLA:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	 [redacted]
Prior Category 3 Force incident(s):	

Equipment Worn On Person

Deputy Huynh wore a Class "A" uniform with a gun belt equipped with his Department issued firearm. Additional equipment included one magazine pouch containing two magazines, a Taser, a can of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, an expandable baton, two sets of handcuffs, and a portable radio. Deputy Huynh was not issued a body-worn camera at the time of the incident.

Michael Lee, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
South Los Angeles Station

Date of Employment:	January 16, 2012
Date Assigned to Patrol/SLA:	February 21, 2016
Date Completed Patrol Training/SLA:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	 [redacted]
Prior Category 3 Force incident(s):	

Equipment Worn On Person

Deputy Lee wore a Class "A" uniform with a gun belt equipped with his Department approved firearm. Additional equipment included one magazine pouch containing two magazines, a Taser, a can of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, an expandable baton,

two sets of handcuffs, and a portable radio. Deputy Lee was not issued a body-worn camera at the time of the incident.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Edtwon Stamps
Male, Black, Date of Birth: March 18, 1992, 6'00", 178 pounds
[redacted]
CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted] FBI # [redacted] CDL # [redacted]

A check of the Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System/Criminal Information Index (CCHRS/CII) revealed Suspect Stamps had [redacted] For further, refer to copy of Suspect Stamps' CCHRS/CII printout **[Exhibit A, Homicide Casebook, pages 166-173]**.

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Stamps sustained five gunshot wounds: one wound to his head, left hand, left forearm, left leg, and right buttocks. Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Vadims Poukens of the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner, ruled Suspect Stamps was not fatally wounded by deputy personnel but rather a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. See Coroner's report and photographs submitted as **[Exhibit A, Homicide Casebook, pages 174-203]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

None.

WITNESSES

[redacted]

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Homicide Detectives Daniel Morris, # [redacted] and Judith Luera, # [redacted] They were assisted by Forensic Identification Specialists Robert Lio, # [redacted] Fred Cruz, # [redacted] Michael Bayer, # [redacted] Senior Criminalists Amanda Davis, # [redacted] and James Nieman, # [redacted] of the Sheriff's Department Crime Lab. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was collected, see the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 3, 30-36]**.

(29) expended 9-millimeter cartridge casings, (16) expended .45 caliber cartridge casings, (10) expended .40 caliber cartridge casings, (1) empty Sig Sauer P227 .45 ACP magazine, and (1) empty PB caliber 9 PARA magazine were recovered at the scene. A trail of blood was located in an east to west direction from the rear of the

Honda Civic uninvolved vehicle located at [redacted] which continued toward Deputies Lee and Huynhs' patrol vehicle. A Smith and Wesson, SD40 VE, semiautomatic pistol was recovered from the dashboard of the patrol vehicle, SD7155 **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 21-36]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

On June 6, 2020, at approximately 2339 hours, IAB Lieutenant Minh Dinh, #[redacted] Sergeants Scott Chapman, #[redacted] and Steve Upton, #[redacted] responded to the scene. Homicide Bureau Lieutenant Charles Calderaro, #[redacted] conducted a briefing of the incident and narrated an escorted walk of the scene.

The scene was described in detail by Detectives Morris and Luera **[Exhibit A, Homicide Casebook, pages 30-36]**. Their description of the scene was consistent with IAB Investigator's observations. The scene was also photographed by the Sheriff's Scientific Services Bureau personnel **[Exhibit A, Scene Photographs]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY QUANG HUYNH

Deputy Huynh fired (29) rounds of Luger 9-millimeter ammunition from his Beretta; model 92FS, semiautomatic pistol, serial #BER[redacted] The firearm was examined by Scientific Services Bureau Deputy Ivan Chavez, #[redacted] The weapon was found to be functional **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 96-98]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon:

Refer to Deputy Huynh's Qualification Records **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY MICHAEL LEE

Deputy Lee fired (16) rounds of Federal .45 caliber ammunition from his Sig Sauer: model P227, semiautomatic pistol, serial #[redacted] The firearm was examined by Scientific Services Bureau Deputy Ivan Chavez, #[redacted] The weapon was found to be functional **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 96-98]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon:

Refer to Deputy Lee's Qualification Records **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT EDTWON STAMPS

Suspect Stamps fired (10) rounds of Smith and Wesson .40 caliber ammunition and Herters .40 caliber ammunition from a Smith & Wesson; model SD40 VE, semiautomatic pistol, serial [redacted] The firearm was recovered from Suspect Stamps' lap by Deputy Kevin Honea, [redacted] and placed on the dashboard of the patrol vehicle, SD7155. The firearm was examined by Scientific Services Bureau Deputy Amanda Davis, [redacted] The weapon was found to be functional. A bullet impact was observed on the front strap of the firearm's grip, and damage to the magazine **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 88-89]**.

> **IAB Note:** The firearm Suspect Stamps used during the shooting was reported stolen on October 1, 2015, during a residential burglary by the Surprise Police Department in Surprise, Arizona. A burglary report was taken under Surprise Police Department Incident, #15100142 **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 142-154]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

[redacted] **and** [redacted] The two locations are part of a single building located on the southside of Imperial Highway, east of the intersection of Doty Avenue. A bullet impact was located on the east of a streetlight pole located [redacted] northeast of [redacted] A bullet hole was in a metal post of the fence located east of [redacted] A bullet impact was located on the north exterior wall of [redacted] A bullet hole and broken glass in the center horizontal portion of the metal window frame on the north exterior of [redacted]

[redacted] The location was a single building located on the southside of Imperial Highway. A hole was located in the east exterior wall.

[redacted] The location was a single building located on the northside of Imperial Highway. Two bullet impacts were located on the south exterior wall.

Ford Crown Victoria, CA #1320324, LASD SD7155: The vehicle was parked facing south in the driveway of [redacted] The rear passenger side tire and both front tires were flattened. A bullet hole and two bullet impacts were located in the driver side fender. A bullet impact and two bullet holes were located on the hood. A bullet hole was located in the driver's side sideview mirror. Five bullet holes were located in the front windshield. A large area of shattered glass in the front windshield consistent of damage caused by a bullet or bullet fragment. Bullet holes were located in the dashboard, in the MDC lid, and a bullet related f was located in the top of the headrest of the front passenger seat. A bullet impact was located on the trim of the left rear door; a bullet hole was located in the driver side front bumper; a bullet impact was

located on the inside of the driver's side door and B-pillar; a bullet hole was located in the top weather stripping of the driver's side window.

Ford Focus, CA #[redacted] The vehicle was parked facing north in a parking stall of [redacted] The front passenger door window was shattered, and the glass was partially missing. A bullet impact as located in the driver's side of the windshield; a bullet hole was located in the interior side of the driver's side A-pillar; a bullet impact was located on the windshield, just above the passenger side windshield wiper; a bullet hole was located in the front passenger door.

Honda Civic, CA #[redacted] The vehicle was parked facing north along the westside of the cinderblock wall of [redacted] and south of the dumpster. The driver's side window was shattered and there was a bullet hole in the driver's sideview mirror **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 31-36, 70-80, 106-110]**.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into the shooting was handled by Detectives Acebedo and Amador of the Sheriff Department's Homicide Bureau. No charges were filed because the suspect was deceased.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred at 2227 hours, and the scene was illuminated by residential exterior light, streetlights, spotlights, and headlights from the patrol vehicle. Deputies Huynh and Lee both had light attachments on their firearms. Deputy Huynh had his light attachment illuminated during the shooting. The weather was cloudy and cool.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

DISPATCH 12 AND LOCAL-TACTICAL (L-TAC) RADIO FREQUENCY REVIEW

The following is a review of some of the highlights from the TSB Dispatch 12 and L-TAC radio frequency recordings of this incident **[Exhibit C, Radio Traffic]**. The below listed times are not precise and were calculated from the automated voice time stamp at the beginning of the recording. The Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) dispatcher will be referred to as the PRD (Public Response Dispatcher).

DISPATCH 12

2227 hours

00:00:41 Unit 32, Deputies Lee and Huynh requested the emergency duplex radio frequency (10-33) and broadcasted a deputy involved shooting (998). The location of the shooting was [redacted]

00:00:45 Five gunshots are heard in the background of the radio transmission.

00:00:56 The PRD voiced the acknowledgment of the deputy involved shooting and requested units to respond code 3.

00:01:03 Unit 31D, Deputies Mario Gomez, [redacted] and Jason Kil, [redacted] acknowledged his response.

00:01:04 The PRD requested for a sergeant to respond.

00:01:06 Unit 30S, Sergeant Jason Rodriguez, [redacted] acknowledged his response.

00:01:08 The PRD asked if all deputies are accounted for.

00:01:13 Unit 32 advised they were still involved in the shooting.

00:01:15 The PRD acknowledged and asked if any deputies were injured.

00:01:22 The PRD requested additional units to respond to the location.

00:01:25 Units 30W1, Deputies Gregory Van Hoesen , [redacted] and Daniel Smith [redacted] and 30W4, Deputy Honea and Deputy Gonzalez, acknowledged their response.

00:01:28 The PRD acknowledged that multiple units were responding and requested to keep the "air clear" for Unit 32.

00:01:35 Unit 35D, Deputy Dean Mendoza, [redacted] advised of a two-minute estimated time of arrival (ETA).

00:01:37 The PRD acknowledged the response and requested to keep the "air clear."

00:01:43 Unit 34, Deputies Sanchez and Ike, advised of a minute ETA.

00:01:45 The PRD acknowledged the response and requested to keep the "air clear. The PRD requested the status of Unit 32.

00:01:49 A gun shot was heard in the background of radio transmission.

00:02:02 Air 21 asked for the location.

00:02:06 The PRD advised the address of the location and requested the status of Unit 32.

2228 hours

00:02:31 The PRD advised the address of the location and requested the status of Unit 32.

00:02:37 Unit 32 stated, "Standby."

00:02:38 Unit 32 advised all deputies were accounted for and the suspect was inside the patrol vehicle.

00:02:50 The PRD acknowledged the suspect was inside the patrol vehicle.

00:02:54 Unit 32 requested a unit to Doty Avenue.

00:03:02 The PRD requested Unit 32 to repeat their request.

00:03:04 Unit 32 advised the suspect was inside the patrol vehicle and requested for additional units to shutdown eastbound and westbound lanes of Imperial Highway.

00:03:18 The PRD acknowledged the suspect was down.

00:03:22 Unit 30W2, Deputies Jorge Ortiz, [redacted] and Eric Chappell, [redacted] advised they will place crime scene tape.

00:03:24 The PRD acknowledged the suspect was down and the paramedics (902R) were staging.

00:03:26 Unit 32A, Deputies Alex Partida, [redacted] and Luis Cano Robles, [redacted] coordinated a containment.

00:03:36 Unit 35T1, Deputy Shawn Groves, [redacted] acknowledged his response to a containment position.

00:03:43 Unit 32A requested a unit to respond to Yukon Avenue and Imperial Highway.

00:03:50 Unit 30W1 advised they would respond to the location.

00:03:53 Unit 35D advised he would respond to the location.

00:03:58 Unit 32A requested for two units to the location to block traffic.

00:04:14 The PRD requested an ETA for Air 21.

00:04:18 Air 21 advised of three-minute ETA.

00:04:57 The PRD asked Unit 32 if there were any outstanding suspects.

00:05:03 The PRD again asked Unit 32 if there were any outstanding suspects and if it was safe for paramedics to respond.

00:05:17 Unit 32A advised per Unit 32, one suspect was inside the vehicle and there were no outstanding suspects.

00:05:57 A unit advised numerous deputies were detaining the suspect at gunpoint. The suspect was seated in the front seat of the patrol vehicle with a firearm (417) in lap. The unit additionally requested for the paramedics to respond.

00:06:21	The PRD acknowledged (10-4).
00:06:56	A unit advised no residence needed to be contained and requested for the paramedics to respond for the suspect.
00:07:22	The PRD acknowledged.
00:08:04	Air 21 advised they were overhead.
00:08:08	A unit advised deputies were performing first aid on the suspect.
00:09:23	The PRD asked if a sergeant was on scene.
00:09:26	Units 30S, Sergeant Rodriguez, and 30L, Lieutenant Parga, advised they were on scene.
00:15:07	The PRD asked units if the emergency duplex frequency was still needed in order to switch to County-tactical (A-TAC 4) frequency. Frequency switched to A-TAC 2.

L-TAC

2230 hours

00:25:09	Units 30S, Sergeant Rodriguez, and 30L, Lieutenant Parga, were responding.

VIDEO RECORDING

The following is a review of the shooting, which was captured on a video labeled "CH3" from the surveillance system from "Aikens' Furniture," located at 3667 West Imperial Highway, in the city of Inglewood **[Exhibit A, Video-Incident]**. The camera faced southwest and pointed toward [redacted] The video is approximately 8 minutes and 25 seconds long and timestamped beginning at 10:20 PM. The shooting was captured approximately five minutes into the video as it began with Suspect Stamp running as he was being pursued by a patrol vehicle, Deputies Lee and Huynh.

A second surveillance system was located at the "Encore Inn," 3709 West Imperial Highway. The camera was located toward the entrance of 3709 West Imperial Highway. The camera faced south toward Imperial Highway **[Exhibit A, Video-Incident]**. The video labeled "CH 4" captured Suspect Stamps' vehicle and the deputy's vehicle as they conducted a U-turn on Imperial Highway. Shortly after the patrol vehicle stopped, Deputy Huynh's silhouette was captured as he ran westbound. The video was approximately 20 minutes long and was timestamped beginning at 10:10 PM.

Another camera at 3709 West Imperial Highway pointed south toward the construction site. The video labeled "CH 2" captured Deputy Huynh's silhouette **[Exhibit A, Video-**

Incident]. Deputy Huynh was seen running west with the illumination from a lighted device. The video is approximately 20 minutes long and timestamped beginning at 10:20 PM.

"CH3"

2225 hours

00:05:19 A patrol unit entered the left frame of the video. The patrol unit drove west on Imperial Highway and drove into the driveway of [redacted]

00:05:20 Suspect Stamps entered the frame of the video and was seen running west on the south sidewalk of Imperial Highway. Suspect Stamps walked into the southeast corner of the driveway of the residence.

00:05:23 Deputy Huynh entered the frame of the video and was running with his flashlight illuminated.

00:05:25 A muzzle flash was seen in the frame near the area where Deputy Huynh was standing. Deputy Lee exited the patrol vehicle. The deputies appeared to be ducking and reacting to gunfire.

00:05:34 Deputy Huynh moved eastward, and Deputy Lee took cover behind vehicles parked to the west of the driveway.

00:06:09 Suspect Stamps walked toward the patrol vehicle.

00:06:22 Suspect Stamps entered the patrol vehicle.

00:06:58 Deputy Lee appeared near the front of the patrol vehicle and a muzzle flash was seen near Deputy Lee's position.

00:07:39 Deputy Lee walked toward the entrance of the driveway.

00:07:53 Deputy Lee walked near the patrol vehicle. Deputy Huynh walked toward Deputy Lee and the patrol vehicle.

00:08:00 An assisting unit arrived on scene.

"CH 4"

2219 hours

00:09:23 Suspect Stamps' vehicle conducted a U-turn on Imperial Highway and drove eastbound.

00:09:30 A patrol vehicle conducted a U-turn on Imperial Highway and drove eastbound.

00:09:37 Suspect Stamps' vehicle made a right turn (southbound) on a street (Yukon Avenue).

2221 hours

00:11:25 A patrol vehicle stops in a driveway to the south where a silhouette of Suspect Stamps was seen on the south sidewalk.

00:11:30 The passenger of the patrol vehicle (Deputy Huynh) exited the patrol vehicle and ran west.

00:11:32 The patrol vehicle reversed and drove westbound.

2224 hours

00:14:45 An assisting unit arrived on scene.

"CH 2"

2221 hours

00:11:40 A patrol vehicle (Lee and Huynh) entered a driveway to the south.

00:11:44 Deputy Huynh ran westbound on the south sidewalk. His light was illuminated, and muzzle flash was seen.

00:11:59 Deputy Huynh used cover toward a telephone pole. His light was illuminated, and muzzle flashes were seen.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS

DEPUTY QUANG HUYNH

On, June 7, 2019, and June 26, 2019, Involved Employee Deputy Quang Huynh was interviewed by Homicide Bureau detectives. Deputy Huynh was represented by Attorney Robert Wexler.

On July 25, 2022, and August 25, 2022, Deputy Huynh was interviewed by IAB investigators at the IAB's office. Deputy Huynh was represented by Attorney Bill Hadden.

On June 6, 2019, Deputy Huynh was assigned to SLA Station as Unit 32, with his partner, Deputy Michael Lee. Their shift was from [redacted] to [redacted] hours on early morning shift. Deputies Huynh and Lee were radio car partners for approximately two years prior to this incident.

Deputies Huynh and Lee saw a blue Dodge Neon, stopped at the red light, facing south at Crenshaw Boulevard and Imperial Highway in the #3 lane. Deputy Huynh, who was the passenger, conducted a license plate check of the vehicle and learned the vehicle registration to the Neon expired on October 8, 2018. Deputies Lee and Huynh conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle after it turned west on Imperial Highway from Crenshaw Boulevard. The vehicle stopped approximately "20 yards" away **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 4]**. Deputy Huynh approached the vehicle on the passenger side, while Deputy Lee approached the driver's side of the vehicle.

Deputy Huynh contacted the driver, Suspect Stamps, through a partially opened passenger window and saw Suspect Stamps was the only occupant in the vehicle. Deputy Huynh stood between the front passenger door and passenger side rear panel **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 5]**. Deputy Huynh asked Suspect Stamps to turn off the vehicle, which Suspect Stamps complied. Deputy Huynh directed Suspect Stamps to speak to Deputy Lee, who stood by the front driver's side door.

Deputy Lee asked Suspect Stamps for his driver's license, and Suspect Stamps replied he did not have one. Deputy Lee asked Suspect Stamps to exit his vehicle pending a driving without a license investigation; however, Suspect Stamps refused. Deputy Huynh moved to the driver's side of the vehicle to assist Deputy Lee. Suspect Stamps started the ignition and drove away from Deputies Lee and Huynh at a high rate of speed westbound on Imperial Highway. Deputy Huynh was unable to assess if Suspect Stamps was under the influence of narcotics or alcohol, or mentally ill.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Huynh if he considered requesting back up units or a sergeant to respond to their location. Deputy Huynh did not consider calling for backup or a supervisor because Suspect Stamps answered their questions **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 8]**. Suspect Stamps was initially cooperative and kept his hands on the steering and Deputy Huynh did not believe "anything was unusual" **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 8]**. IAB investigators asked Deputy Huynh if he notified his dispatch regarding his traffic stop. Deputy Huynh said it was not "common practice" to notify dispatch when he and his partner conducted a traffic stop and they did not intend to pursue Suspect Huynh **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 9]**. Deputy Huynh said they conduct their traffic stop first and then input an observation tag afterward.

IAB Note: An observation tag occurs when a deputy inputs, into the Mobile Digital Computer (MDC), their location, reason for Traffic the stop or other activity, and other pertinent information, to describe their activities in the field. This information becomes a permanent record and is a part of the deputy's daily worksheet.

Deputies Lee and Huynh re-entered their patrol vehicle and attempted to relocate Suspect Stamps. Suspect Stamps turned north on a street, either Lemoli Avenue or Doty Avenue, which led into a residential area. Deputies Lee and Huynh turned northbound onto the first residential street where they last saw Suspect Stamps. Deputies Lee and Huynh drove through the neighborhood between the streets of Lemoli Avenue and Doty Avenue, and between 112th Street and 108th Street to attempt to locate Suspect Stamps.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Huynh if he considered themselves to be in a vehicle pursuit after Suspect Stamps drove away. Deputy Huynh said they were not in a pursuit because he and Deputy Lee were not close enough to Suspect Stamps **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 9]**. Deputy Huynh said they did not catch up with Suspect Stamps and lost visual of him three times **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, pages 12-13]**. In addition, Deputy Huynh said the lights and sirens on the patrol vehicle were not activated. IAB investigators asked Deputy Huynh his understanding of the Department's pursuit policy. Deputy Huynh said he had a "full understanding" of the Department's vehicle pursuit policy and knowledge that personnel can initiate a vehicle pursuit of "certain crimes" **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 10]**.

IAB Note: After reviewing the GeoSpatial Technologies (GST) Tracker Activity report and map obtained from the MDC, IAB investigators were unable to determine the length of the pursuit **[Exhibit D]**.

After approximately three to four minutes, while Deputies Lee and Huynh drove southbound on Yukon Avenue, they saw Suspect Stamps driving southbound on Doty Avenue, approximately four to six blocks in front of them. Deputy Huynh lost sight of Suspect Stamps when he drove west on Imperial Highway. Deputies Lee and Huynh drove westbound on Imperial Highway where Suspect Stamps was last seen. Approximately "30 to 40 yards" from them, Suspect Stamps made a U-turn mid-block between Doty Avenue and Yukon Avenue **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 12]**. Deputy Lee made the U-turn and drove east on Imperial Highway. Suspect Stamps turned southbound on Doty Avenue, from Imperial Highway. Deputy Huynh again lost sight of Suspect Stamps. Deputies Lee and Huynh followed Suspect Stamps' last seen direction south on Doty Avenue.

IAB Note: Deputy Huynh initially said he and Deputy Lee turned

south on Doty Avenue, but later clarified they turned south on Yukon Avenue to follow Suspect Stamps.

As they approached 115th Street, Deputy Huynh looked west and saw Suspect Stamps' vehicle parked in the middle of the street with the brake lights illuminated approximately "25 to 30 yards away" **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 16]**. Deputies Lee and Huynh turned west on 115th Street and approached Suspect Stamps parked vehicle. As they drove close, Suspect Stamps exited the vehicle and ran west on 115th Street. Suspect Stamps climbed a wall that led into a construction site. Deputies Lee and Huynh approached Suspect Stamps' vehicle and confirmed it was unoccupied. Suspect Stamps turned and ran north through the construction site. Deputy Huynh lost sight of Suspect Stamps **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 6]**.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Huynh if a containment was established. Deputy Huynh said a containment was not established because Suspect Stamps was only wanted for driving without a license and "we (Huynh and Lee) didn't feel the need to set up a containment" **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 18]**. Deputies Huynh and Lee did not broadcast any radio communication during this time.

Deputies Lee and Huynh re-entered their patrol vehicle and drove back to Imperial Highway, believing Suspect Stamps would run through the construction zone and back out onto Imperial Highway. Deputy Lee drove west on Imperial Highway. Deputy Huynh saw Suspect Stamps running east on the south sidewalk. Deputy Lee drove along the south curb line of Imperial Highway. As Deputy Huynh opened the patrol vehicle to exit, Suspect Stamps changed his direction and ran west along the south sidewalk.

Deputy Huynh exited the patrol vehicle and initiated a foot pursuit and ran toward Suspect Stamps. Deputy Lee drove the patrol car past Deputy Huynh. Deputy Huynh terminated his foot pursuit before he was able to broadcast on the radio. Deputy Huynh estimated he ran approximately 10 to 15 feet when he terminated his foot pursuit. Deputy Huynh said he continued to run "after the patrol car" **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, pages 19-20]**. Deputy Lee continued to drive west to "cut in front (ahead of)" of Suspect Stamps **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 20]**. Deputy Huynh estimated he was approximately 15 feet away from the patrol vehicle and Suspect Stamps.

Deputy Lee drove into a driveway located at [redacted] Suspect Stamps walked into the driveway. Deputy Huynh continued to run toward Suspect Stamps, who stood in the driveway. Deputy Huynh stopped near a dumpster approximately 10 feet away. Suspect Stamps turned toward Deputy Lee. Deputy Huynh retrieved his firearm and detained Suspect Stamps at gunpoint. Deputy Huynh ordered Suspect Stamps to show his hand and to get on the ground; however, Suspect Stamps did not comply **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 21]**.

Suspect Stamps reached into his waistband and retrieved a black semi-automatic firearm with his right hand. Suspect Stamps turned toward Deputy Huynh and pointed the firearm at him. Deputy Huynh feared for his life and believed Suspect Stamps would kill him; therefore, Deputy Huynh fired approximately three to six rounds from his firearm toward Suspect Stamps' torso **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 24]**. Simultaneously, Deputy Huynh saw a muzzle flash from Suspect Stamps firearm and Suspect Stamps fired one round toward Deputy Huynh. Deputy Lee was positioned to the west from Deputy Huynh. Their positions created a "triangle" formation from Suspect Stamps **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 23]**. Deputy Huynh recalled his backdrop was the cinderblock wall behind Suspect Stamps. Deputy Huynh did not believe there were crossfire issues.

Deputy Huynh's firearm malfunctioned, and he took a position of cover behind a dumpster. Deputy Huynh cleared the malfunction by ejecting the magazine and reloading a fresh magazine. Deputy Huynh heard Deputy Lee initiated emergency radio traffic and advised of a deputy involved shooting **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, page 24]**. Deputy Huynh stood up and saw Suspect Stamps fired twice toward Deputy Lee. Suspect Stamps turned toward Deputy Huynh and fired twice at him. Deputy Huynh ducked and took cover behind a dumpster **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed Homicide interview A, page 18]**. Deputy Huynh stood back up and shot approximately 15 rounds toward Suspect Stamps until his magazine emptied. Deputy Huynh reloaded another magazine into his firearm.

Suspect Stamps ran toward the sidewalk and Deputy Huynh retreated east and took cover behind a telephone pole on the south sidewalk. Suspect Stamps walked toward the patrol vehicle and entered from the open driver's side door. Suspect Stamps sat in the driver's seat of the patrol vehicle. Suspect Stamps fired two rounds in a west direction from the open driver's side door. Deputy Huynh believed Suspect Stamps was shooting toward Deputy Lee. From approximately 15- 20 feet, Deputy Huynh fired approximately 8-12 times into the patrol vehicle at Suspect Stamps. Deputy Huynh stopped shooting when he saw Suspect Stamps slumped over in the driver's seat **[Deputy Huynh's transcribed Homicide interview A, page 22]**.

Deputy Lee emerged from the westside of the location. Deputies Huynh and Lee went to the rear of the patrol vehicle and waited for assisting units to arrive. Assisting units arrived on scene and provided medical aid to Suspect Stamps. Deputy Huynh was later transported to SLA Station by Deputy Blake Corrigan, #[redacted]

Homicide Bureau investigators read Deputy Huynh a video admonishment prior to him viewing the video recordings **[Exhibit A, Surveillance Videos]**. Deputy Huynh viewed the video footage of the incident. Deputy Huynh did not have any further statement regarding the video. Homicide Investigators asked Deputy Huynh if he was part of the approach of the patrol vehicle to render Suspect Stamps aid. Deputy Huynh said he stood behind the group of deputies as they made their approach. Deputy Huynh did not hear any additional gun shots as the deputies approached the patrol vehicle **[Involved Employee Deputy Huynh's Homicide Transcript B]**.

Homicide Bureau investigators examined Deputy Huynh's firearm. Deputy Huynh carried his Department issued Beretta 92FS firearm with a light attachment. The firearm had one 9mm bullet chambered and 3 bullets in the magazine **[Involved Employee Deputy Huynh's Homicide Transcript C]**.

IAB Note: Deputy Huynh's firearm was loaded at capacity, with 16 rounds. During the firearm examination by Homicide Bureau investigators, it was determined Deputy Huynh fired 29 rounds from his firearm **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 8-9, 96-98]**.

IAB investigators read Deputy Huynh a video admonishment prior to him viewing the video recordings titled "CH3" and "CH4" **[Exhibit A, Surveillance Videos]**. Deputy Huynh viewed the video footages of the incident. Deputy Huynh did not have any additional statements after viewing the video "CH3." After reviewing video "CH4," Deputy Huynh identified the patrol vehicle they drove and Suspect Stamps' vehicle in the footage. Deputy Huynh observed their patrol vehicle close behind Suspect Stamps vehicle while they conducted a U-turn near the intersections of Imperial Highway and Yukon Avenue than he originally recalled **[Involved Employee Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview E, page 2]**. IAB investigators asked Deputy Huynh if he saw himself exiting the patrol vehicle in the "CH4" video. Deputy Huynh said the video depicted his initiation of a foot pursuit. Deputy Huynh terminated his foot pursuit after he saw the patrol vehicle drive past him **[Involved Employee Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview E, pages 3-4]**. Deputy Huynh additionally listened to the radio traffic. Deputy Huynh did not broadcast his foot pursuit.

IAB investigators showed Deputy Huynh a map obtained from the MDC of the route of travel during the incident **[Exhibit D]** and a "Google" map **[Exhibit E]** of the area. Deputy Huynh marked an "X" on the map **[Exhibit E]** where they conducted a traffic stop of Suspect Stamps' vehicle. Deputy Huynh drew an arrow in a westerly direction where Suspect Stamps' vehicle drove off and a circle where they lost sight of his vehicle **[Involved Employee Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, pages 13-14]**. After reviewing the "Google" map, Deputy Huynh recalled relocating Suspect Stamps' vehicle as it turned onto Yukon Avenue from either 112th or 113th Street. Deputy Huynh placed a dot on 112th Street and Yukon Avenue. Deputy Huynh recalled he and Deputy Lee were either on 108th or 109th Street. Deputy Huynh placed a dot midblock Imperial Highway between Doty Avenue and Yukon Avenue where Suspect Stamps conducted a U-turn **[Involved Employee Deputy Huynh's transcribed IAB interview D, pages 15-16]**. Deputy Huynh was additionally shown the GST Tracker Report Activity from the MDC of patrol vehicle, SD 7155 **[Exhibit D]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY MICHAEL LEE

On, June 7, 2019, and June 26, 2019, Involved Employee Deputy Michael Lee was interviewed by Homicide Bureau detectives at the Homicide Bureau office. Deputy Lee was represented by Attorney Robert Wexler.

On July 25, 2022, and August 25, 2022, Deputy Lee was interviewed by IAB investigators at the IAB office. Deputy Lee was represented by Attorney Bill Hadden.

On June 6, 2019, Deputy Lee was assigned to SLA Station as Unit 32, with his partner, Deputy Huynh. Their shift was from [redacted] to [redacted] hours on early morning shift. Deputies Lee and Huynh were radio car partners for two years prior to this incident.

Deputies Lee and Huynh saw a Dodge Neon, stopped at the red light, facing south on Crenshaw Boulevard and Imperial Highway in the #2 lane. Deputy Huynh, who was the passenger, conducted a license plate check of the vehicle and learned the registration to the Neon was expired **[Deputy Lee's transcribed IAB interview D, page 4]**. Deputies Lee and Huynh conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle after it turned west on Imperial Highway from Crenshaw Boulevard. Deputy Lee approached the driver's side of the vehicle, while Deputy Huynh approached the vehicle on the passenger side. Deputy Lee saw the driver, Suspect Stamps, was the only occupant in the vehicle. Deputy Lee asked Suspect Stamps for his driver's license and Suspect Stamps replied he did not have one. Deputy Lee asked Suspect Stamps to exit his vehicle pending a driving without a license investigation; however, Suspect Stamps refused. Deputy Huynh moved to the driver's side of the vehicle to assist Deputy Lee. Suspect Stamps started the vehicle and drove away from Deputies Lee and Huynh at a high rate of speed westbound on Imperial Highway.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Lee if he considered requesting back up units or a sergeant to respond to his location when Suspect Stamps initially refused to comply. Deputy Lee said he would have contacted a sergeant had Suspect Stamps continued to refuse to exit his vehicle. IAB investigators asked Deputy Lee if he notified his dispatch regarding his traffic stop. Deputy Lee said he typically did not notify dispatch when he and his partner conducted traffic stops. Deputy Lee said they conduct their traffic stop first and then input an observation tag afterward.

Deputies Lee and Huynh re-entered their patrol vehicle and attempted to catch up to Suspect Stamps. Deputy Lee recalled by the time they re-entered their patrol vehicle, they saw Suspect Stamps turned north on a street leading into a residential area. Deputies Lee and Huynh attempted to catch up to Suspect Stamps and turned northbound onto the first residential street they came to, Lemoli Avenue. Deputies Lee and Huynh drove through the neighborhood between Lemoli Avenue and Doty Avenue, and in between 112th Street and 108th Street, to locate Suspect Stamps. Deputy Lee recalled travelling at a "high rate of speed" but did not recall the actual speed he travelled **[Deputy Lee's transcribed IAB interview D, page 8]**.

IAB investigators asked Deputy Lee if he considered himself to be in a pursuit when he initially attempted to catch up to Suspect Stamps. Deputy Lee said he was not in a vehicle pursuit because he and Deputy Huynh were not close enough to Suspect Stamps. Deputy Lee said they tried to catch up to Suspect Stamps so they could initiate a pursuit **[Deputy Lee's transcribed IAB interview D, page 9]**. Deputy Lee

said when they conducted the traffic stop, he activated his forward-facing red light. Deputy Lee did not remember if the red light remained on when they attempted to catch up to Suspect Stamps.

After approximately three to four minutes, while Deputies Lee and Huynh drove southbound on Yukon Avenue, they saw Suspect Stamps driving southbound on Yukon Avenue, approximately three to four blocks in front of them. Suspect Stamps drove west on Imperial Highway from Yukon Avenue, then made a U-turn on Imperial Highway, heading back east. Deputy Lee followed Suspect Stamps westbound on Imperial Highway but was unable to make a U-turn to follow Suspect Stamps eastbound, because of oncoming traffic. When Deputy Lee made the U-turn, he noticed Suspect Stamps turned southbound on Yukon Avenue, from Imperial Highway. Deputies Lee and Huynh followed Suspect Stamps south on Yukon Avenue to 115th Street where Deputy Huynh looked west and saw Suspect Stamps' vehicle parked in the middle of the street.

Deputies Lee and Huynh turned west on 115th Street and approached Suspect Stamps parked vehicle. As drove closer, Suspect Stamps exited the vehicle and ran west on 115th Street. Suspect Stamps climbed a wall that led into a construction site. Deputies Lee and Huynh approached Suspect Stamps' vehicle and confirmed it was unoccupied.

Deputies Lee and Huynh re-entered their patrol vehicle and drove back to Imperial Highway, believing Suspect Stamps would run through the construction zone and back out onto Imperial Highway. Deputy Lee drove west on Imperial Highway where he saw Suspect Stamps running east on the south sidewalk. Deputy Lee drove along the south curb line of Imperial Highway. Deputy Lee said Suspect Stamps was running toward them; therefore, Deputy Huynh exited the patrol vehicle to detain Suspect Stamps, but Suspect Stamps ran west on Imperial Highway. Deputy Lee said he accelerated westbound, driving parallel to Deputy Huynh and Suspect Stamps as Deputy Huynh ran behind Suspect Stamps. Deputy Lee said he did not lose sight of his partner **[Deputy Lee's transcribed IAB interview D, page 13]**. Deputy Lee estimated he was approximately 60 feet away from his partner as he drove past Deputy Huynh.

As Deputy Lee past Suspect Stamps, Deputy Lee turned into a driveway to cut off Suspect Stamps. Suspect Stamps stopped and walked into the rear of the driveway. Suspect Stamps removed a black semiautomatic pistol from his waistband. When Deputy Lee exited his patrol vehicle, there was nothing between him and Suspect Stamps. Deputy Lee estimated he and Suspect Stamps were approximately 15 feet apart. As Suspect Stamps pointed the firearm at Deputy Lee, Deputy Lee unholstered his firearm and sought cover behind two parked vehicles on the west side of the driveway. Suspect Stamps positioned himself behind a vehicle, which was parked on the east side of the driveway. Deputy Lee heard gunshots, but he was not sure who fired first **[Deputy Lee's transcribed IAB interview D, pages 12-13]**.

Deputy Huynh had positioned himself on the east side of the driveway. Deputy Lee thought he heard Deputy Huynh yell at Suspect Stamps to show his hands. Deputy Lee saw Suspect Stamps fired his firearm at him and at Deputy Huynh. Deputies Lee and Huynh were approximately 30 feet away from each other.

Deputy Lee fired at Suspect Stamps from his position of cover and estimated he fired 16 or 17 rounds in multiple volleys of fire. Deputy Lee fired approximately 8 rounds in the first volley. Deputy Lee said he would shoot two rounds then reassess because he was trained to fire in that manner. Deputy Lee said while he reassessed, he looked at Suspect Stamps to determine what he was doing. When Suspect Stamps would shoot at Deputy Huynh, Deputy Lee would fire at Suspect Stamps. When Suspect Stamps would turn to fire at Deputy Lee, Deputy Lee dove for cover behind the vehicles. Deputy Lee said his backdrop was the construction site, which was east of his location. Deputy Lee broadcasted emergency radio traffic notifying units of their location and situation. During the shooting, Deputy Lee aimed for Suspect Stamps torso. Deputy Lee said there was no crossfire issue between him and Deputy Huynh.

After firing the first volley of rounds, Deputy Lee reloaded his firearm. After reloading, he looked and saw Suspect Stamps walking in the driveway toward the patrol vehicle. Deputy Lee told Homicide investigators his weapon "jammed" a second time prior to Suspect Stamps entering the patrol vehicle **[Deputy Lee's Homicide Interview A, page 19]**. The driver's door was left open, and the key was in the ignition. Suspect Stamps sat in the driver's seat and raised his firearm and fired at Deputy Lee. Deputy Lee said due to the position of the patrol vehicle, Suspect Stamps faced him. Deputy Lee returned fire through the patrol vehicle's windshield. Deputy Lee estimated he fired approximately 6 or 7 rounds. During the volley of fire, Deputy Lee's backdrop was Imperial Highway and motels located across the street. Suspect Stamps fired at least one additional round at Deputy Lee after Deputy Lee's second volley of fire. Suspect Stamps revved the patrol car's engine which caused Deputy Lee to move from his position of cover. Deputy Lee believed he was in danger of being hit by the patrol vehicle if Suspect Stamps began to drive forward.

Deputy Lee reassessed during the second volley of fire by monitoring Suspect Stamps movements. Deputy Lee noticed Suspect Stamps was slumped over to one side. Deputy Lee said neither he nor Deputy Huynh fired anymore rounds.

Deputy Lee described his mindset at the time of the shooting. Deputy Lee thought he and Deputy Huynh were in a really bad situation and they needed to get out of it one way or another **[Deputy Lee's transcribed IAB interview D, page 21]**.

Deputy Lee said during the shooting his firearm malfunctioned. Deputy Lee later discovered the magazine he used had been discontinued by the manufacturer due to causing malfunctions.

Homicide Bureau investigators read Deputy Lee a video admonishment prior to him viewing the video recordings **[Exhibit A, Surveillance Videos]**. Deputy Lee viewed the

video footage of the incident. Homicide Investigators asked Deputy Lee where he stood when he broadcasted the emergency radio traffic. Deputy Lee stated he stood in the driveway behind one of the vehicles parked on the westside of the driveway. The emergency broadcast occurred prior to Suspect Stamps entering the patrol vehicle. Homicide Investigators asked Deputy Lee if he was a part of the approach of the patrol vehicle to render Suspect Stamps aid. Deputy Lee said he did not assist in approaching the patrol vehicle to render aid. Deputy Lee did not hear any additional gun shots as the deputies approached the patrol vehicle **[Involved Employee Deputy Lee's Homicide Transcript B]**.

Homicide Bureau investigators examined Deputy Lee's firearm. Deputy Lee carried his Department approved Sig Sauer P227 firearm with a light attachment. The firearm had one .45 caliber bullet chambered and 6 bullets in the magazine **[Involved Employee Deputy Lee's Homicide Transcript C]**.

IAB Note: Deputy Lee's firearm was loaded at capacity, with 15 rounds. Deputy Lee's firearm was loaded with an extended magazine. Deputy Lee had two firearm malfunctions during the incident. During the second malfunction, Deputy Lee replaced his magazine with the original extended magazine. Deputy Lee's extended magazine was Department authorized. During the firearm examination by Homicide Bureau investigators, it was determined Deputy Lee fired 16 rounds from his firearm **[Exhibit A, Homicide casebook, pages 4, 96-98].**

Deputy Lee was read the video advisement and shown the surveillance video of the incident titled "CH3." After viewing the video, IAB investigators asked Deputy Lee if he considered conducting a felony traffic stop upon seeing Suspect Stamps on foot, as opposed to cutting Suspect Stamps off with his patrol vehicle. Deputy Lee said people ran from them all the time. Deputy Lee believed if Suspect Stamps had a weapon, he most likely got rid of it in the construction site. Deputy Lee wanted to detain Suspect Stamps and complete their investigation to determine what they had exactly. Deputy Lee said in hindsight, they should have placed Suspect Stamps in a prone position and asked other units to respond to their location. Deputy Lee said they should have also communicated with other units to help look for Suspect Stamps prior to the shooting. Deputy Lee said it would have been beneficial to have more deputies with them when the shooting occurred **[Deputy Lee's transcribed IAB interview D, pages 26-27]**.

On August 25, 2022, IAB investigators reinterviewed Deputy Lee and read him a video admonishment prior to him viewing the video recording titled "CH4" **[Exhibit A, Surveillance Videos]**. Deputy Lee viewed the video footages of the incident. Deputy Lee did not have any additional statements after viewing the video "CH4." IAB investigators asked Deputy Lee if he saw his patrol vehicle and Suspect Stamps vehicle in the video. Deputy Lee identified their patrol vehicle and Suspect Stamps' vehicle in the footage. IAB investigators asked Deputy Lee if in the video he noticed any oncoming traffic prior to conducting a U-turn as mentioned in his previous IAB interview.

Deputy Lee recalled having to wait or yield for oncoming traffic, but in the video, he did not see any oncoming traffic **[Involved Employee Deputy Lee's IAB Transcript E, pages 3-4]**. IAB investigators asked Deputy Lee if he was in pursuit. Deputy Lee did not believe they were in pursuit because they lost sight of Suspect Stamps. Deputy Lee recalled losing sight of Suspect Stamps vehicle three times **[Involved Employee Deputy Lee's IAB Transcript E, page 4]**. IAB investigators provided Deputy Lee a map obtained from the MDC of the route of travel during the incident and the GST Tracker Activity Report **[Exhibit D]**.

IAB Note: After reviewing the GST Tracker Activity report and map obtained from the MDC, IAB investigators were unable to determine the length of the pursuit **[Exhibit D]**.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS STATEMENTS

DETECTIVE [redacted]

On June 2, 2022, Detective [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators at the Century Station's Narcotic's office. Detective [redacted] did not have representation.

On June 6, 2019, Detective [redacted] was assigned to SLA Station as Unit [redacted] with his partner, Deputy Daniel Tepale on [redacted]

Detective [redacted] and his partner responded to [redacted] in the city of Inglewood, due to a deputy involved shooting. Detective [redacted] recalled Deputy Lee broadcasted over the radio he was in an "active gunfight" **[Detective [redacted] transcribed interview, page 3]**. Upon arrival, he saw Deputy Lee's patrol vehicle in the eastbound traffic lanes of Imperial Highway.

Detective [redacted] observed Deputies Lee and Huynh pointing their firearms toward their patrol vehicle. Detective [redacted] heard Deputies Lee and Huynh saying, "He's (Suspect Stamps) over there!" **[Detective [redacted] transcribed interview, page 4]**. Detective [redacted] believed Deputies Lee and Huynh directed him to a residence next door to their location and he bypassed their patrol vehicle before he observed Suspect Stamps inside their patrol vehicle.

Deputy [redacted] was approximately ten feet away from the patrol vehicle when he saw Suspect Stamps seated in the driver's seat. Deputy [redacted] broadcasted over his handheld radio, "the suspect was down, and all deputies were good and accounted for" **[Detective [redacted] transcribed interview, page 5]**.

Detective [redacted] and Deputy Honea removed Suspect Stamps from the patrol vehicle and placed him on the ground. An unknown deputy performed Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) by giving chest compressions. Detective [redacted] noticed Suspect Stamps had a gunshot wound to his head but could not recall if Suspect Stamps was transported to a hospital.

Detective [redacted] recalled seeing a firearm in the patrol vehicle, but he did not recall where it was in the vehicle. Detective [redacted] partner, Deputy Tepale located witnesses and documented their statements.

DEPUTY DANIEL TEPALE

On June 22, 2022, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Daniel Tepale at the Lakewood Sheriff's Station. Deputy Tepale did not have representation.

On June 6, 2019, Deputy Tepale was assigned to SLA Station as Unit [redacted] with his partner, Detective [redacted] on early morning shift.

Deputy Tepale and his partner responded to [redacted] due to a deputy involved shooting. Upon arriving, Deputy Tepale saw Deputies Greene, Quinones, and Huynh. Deputy Tepale recalled seeing a patrol vehicle in the street, but he could not recall anything else.

Deputy Tepale was directed by Deputies Quinones and Green to canvas the area for any potential witnesses. Deputy Tepale contacted [redacted] (Witness [redacted] at her residence. Witness [redacted] heard approximately 20 shots and saw Deputy Lee take cover behind a vehicle parked in front of her residence. Deputy Lee reloaded his weapon and fired his weapon. Witness [redacted] closed her door. Deputy Tepale documented Witness [redacted] statement in his supplemental report **[Exhibit A, Deputy Tepale's supplemental report, pages 60-62]**.

DEPUTY JUSTIN GREENE

On June 21, 2022, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Justin Greene at the IAB office. Deputy Greene was represented by Attorney Leslie Wilcox.

On June 6, 2019, Deputy Greene was assigned to SLA Station as Unit 31, with his partner, Deputy Christopher Quinones on early morning shift. They responded to [redacted] in the city of Inglewood, regarding a deputy involved shooting involving Unit 32, Deputies Lee and Huynh.

When Deputies Greene and Quinones arrived on scene, Deputy Greene recalled seeing multiple SLA units detaining a patrol vehicle at gunpoint in a southeast direction. Deputy Greene saw Deputy Honea and Detective [redacted] on scene. Deputy Greene also saw a black and white patrol vehicle, which had multiple bullet holes. Deputy Greene saw a male (Suspect Stamps) seated in the driver's seat of the patrol vehicle who was slumped over and appeared to be unresponsive **[Deputy Greene's transcribed interview, page 5]**. Suspect Stamps had multiple bullet wounds on his body and head.

A tactical plan was formulated to approach the patrol vehicle and render aid to Suspect Stamps who was unresponsive **[Deputy Greene's transcribed interview, page 5]**. Deputy Greene and Detective [redacted] approached the patrol vehicle. Deputy Greene positioned himself near the front passenger side of the patrol vehicle. Deputy Greene

saw several deputies remove Suspect Stamps from the patrol vehicle and render aid. Deputy Greene also saw a black and silver firearm on Suspect Stamps' lap. The firearm was placed on the dashboard. Paramedics responded and Suspect Stamps was transported to the hospital.

DEPUTY KEVIN HONEA

On June 20, 2022, Deputy Kevin Honea was interviewed IAB investigators at the IAB office. Deputy Honea was represented by Attorney Bill Hadden.

On June 6, 2019, Deputy Honea was assigned to SLA Station as Unit 30W4, on a summer crime enforcement team, with his partner, Deputy Gonzalez. Deputy Honea did not recall the specific hours he worked that day, but the hours were the equivalent of PM shift hours.

Deputies Honea and Gonzalez responded to 3702 ¼ Imperial Highway due to emergent radio traffic regarding a deputy involved shooting. Upon arrival, Deputy Honea recalled seeing Detective [redacted] Deputies Greene and Ike detaining a suspect (Suspect Stamps), who was seated inside a patrol vehicle, at gunpoint. Suspect Stamps appeared injured, and Deputy Honea retrieved his trauma kit from his patrol vehicle in order to provide aid to Suspect Stamps.

The deputies gave multiple commands to Suspect Stamps; however, he did not respond. Deputies Honea, Greene, Ike, and Detective [redacted] formulated a tactical plan to approach the patrol vehicle. Deputy Ike was the contact deputy, while Deputies Greene and [redacted] approached on the passenger side of the vehicle and provided cover. The deputies "staggered" their approach to the vehicle **[Deputy Honea's transcribed interview, page 5]**. Detective [redacted] and Deputy Greene approached first and saw a firearm on Suspect Stamps' lap. Deputy Honea, who approached on the driver's side of the vehicle, grabbed Suspect Stamp's left hand. Deputy Honea removed the firearm from Suspect Stamp's lap and placed it on dashboard of the patrol vehicle. Suspect Stamps was unresponsive to Deputy Honea's actions.

Deputy Gonzalez gave Deputy Honea gauze from his trauma kit, and Deputy Honea applied it to the wound on Suspect Stamps' left leg. Seconds later, paramedics arrived and relieved him in providing aid.

Deputy Honea said during the debriefing, deputies discussed the option of waiting for the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) and a K9 unit to respond, because Suspect Stamps was armed. It was decided the best course of action was to not wait and to formulate a tactical plan to contact wounded Suspect Stamps to provide aid **[Deputy Honea's transcribed interview, page 8]**.

DEPUTY DANIEL IKE

On June 20, 2022, Deputy Daniel Ike was interviewed by IAB investigators at the IAB office. Deputy Ike was represented by Attorney Bill Hadden.

On June 6, 2019, Deputy Ike was assigned to SLA Station as Unit 34, on early morning shift with his partner, Deputy Sanchez.

Deputies Ike and Sanchez responded to [redacted] due to a deputy involved shooting. When they arrived on scene, Deputy Ike saw Deputies Greene, Tepale and Detective [redacted] detaining Suspect Stamps at gunpoint, from the passenger side of a patrol vehicle. Deputy Ike joined alongside and held Suspect Stamps at gunpoint.

Detective [redacted] gave Suspect Stamps orders to show his hands. Suspect Stamps appeared unresponsive **[Deputy Ike's transcribed interview, page 5]**. Deputy Ike, along with Deputies Honea and Gonzalez approached Suspect Stamps from the driver's side and removed him from the vehicle. Deputy Ike described their approach toward Suspect Stamps as a line along the driver's side of the vehicle. When Suspect Stamps was removed from the patrol vehicle, he was unconscious and not breathing. Deputy Ike saw Suspect Stamps had multiple gunshot wounds, one of which was to the head. Deputy Honea applied a bandage to one of Suspect Stamps' leg.

Deputy Ike saw a firearm on Suspect Stamps lap as he approached the vehicle. The firearm was placed on the vehicle's dashboard; however, Deputy Ike did not recall who placed the firearm there.

Deputy Ike contacted several witnesses to the incident and documented their statements on a supplemental report **[Exhibit A, Deputy Ike's supplemental report, pages 51-54]**.

DEPUTY DANIEL GONZALEZ

On June 20, 2022, Deputy Daniel Gonzalez was interviewed by IAB investigators at the IAB office. Deputy Gonzalez was represented by Attorney Bill Hadden.

On June 6, 2019, Deputy Gonzalez was assigned to SLA Station as Unit 30W4, with his partner, Deputy Honea. Deputies Gonzalez and Honea responded to [redacted] due to emergent radio traffic regarding a deputy involved shooting. It took Deputies Honea and Gonzalez approximately 15 minutes to arrive to the location from a location within Century Station's area.

Upon their arrival, Deputy Gonzalez saw a patrol vehicle facing south toward a residence and the deputies were detaining the vehicle at gunpoint. A male black (Suspect Stamps) was in the driver's seat of the patrol vehicle and appeared "lifeless" **[Deputy Gonzalez' transcribed interview, page 4]**.

Deputy Gonzalez assisted with moving Suspect Stamps from the patrol vehicle and laid him on the ground. Deputy Honea attempted to render aid. Suspect Stamps had an apparent gunshot wound to his head.

Deputy Gonzalez remained on scene and assisted with scene preservation and searched for evidence.

DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER QUINONES

On June 23, 2022, Deputy Christopher Quinones was interviewed by IAB investigators at the Norwalk Station. Deputy Quinones was represented by Attorney Bill Hadden.

On June 6, 2019, Deputy Quinones was assigned to SLA Station as Unit 31, with his partner, Deputy Greene. Deputies Quinones and Greene responded to [redacted] due to emergent radio traffic broadcasted regarding a deputy involved shooting. Deputies Quinones and Greene arrived at the location approximately in two to three minutes.

Upon arrival, Deputy Quinones saw Deputy Lee's patrol vehicle parked in the driveway. There were bullet holes in the patrol vehicle. Deputy Quinones was told by Deputies Huynh and Lee that Suspect Stamps was inside the patrol vehicle. Deputy Quinones saw Suspect Stamps "slouched" and "unresponsive" **[Deputy Quinones' transcribed interview, page 4]**. Deputy Quinones saw a significant amount of blood in the vehicle. Deputy Quinones saw Suspect Stamps firearm laying underneath his hand, on his lap. Deputy Quinones directed deputies to detain Suspect Stamps at gunpoint until a plan was formulated.

Deputy Honea provided first aid to Suspect Stamps outside of the patrol vehicle. Deputy Honea advised Deputy Quinones he moved the firearm from Suspect Stamps' lap and placed it on the dashboard of the patrol vehicle.

Deputies Quinones remained on scene to canvass the area for witnesses and surveillance video.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

[redacted]

On August 1, 2022, IAB investigator spoke to Witness [redacted] interviewed telephonically.

On June 6, 2019, Witness [redacted] and her [redacted] were in their living room when she heard what she believed to be fireworks. When Witness [redacted] opened the door, she saw two deputies and male (Suspect Stamps) involved in a "shootout" **[Witness [redacted] transcribed interview, page 1]**. She observed Suspect Stamps behind a vehicle with a firearm and the deputies were spread apart. Suspect Stamps and the deputies shot at one another. Witness [redacted] "slammed" the door **[Witness [redacted] transcribed interview, page 2]**. Witness [redacted] was unable to tell who fired first. She heard approximately 15 – 25 shots for 15-25 seconds. Witness [redacted] did not recall what time the shooting occurred.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On July 16, 2019, Homicide investigators conducted a telephonic interview of [redacted] Ms. [redacted] told Homicide investigators on the night of the incident she stayed in a motel across the street from the incident. Ms. [redacted] believed she stayed in room [redacted] At approximately 2300 hours, as Ms. [redacted] and her [redacted] drove out of the motel driveway onto Imperial Highway, Ms. [redacted] heard a series of loud noises that she believed to be fireworks. When Ms. [redacted] looked out, she saw a male behind a vehicle shooting a firearm in an easterly direction. Ms. [redacted] was unable to tell what the male was shooting at. Ms. [redacted] described the male as Hispanic and wearing a white shirt. Ms. [redacted] reversed her vehicle back into the motel parking lot and went inside. Ms. [redacted] did not see any patrol vehicles in the area at the time of the shooting **[Exhibit A, [redacted] audio and transcribed interview, and Homicide casebook, page 17]**.

> **IAB Note:** On June 7, 2019, Ms. [redacted] was contacted by Deputy Jason Kil, #[redacted] Deputy Kil documented his contact with Ms. [redacted] in his supplementary report. Ms. [redacted] told Deputy Kil she heard noises she believed were fireworks and provided no further information. Ms. [redacted] was staying in room #[redacted] at the time of the incident **[Exhibit A, Deputy Kil's supplemental report, pages 58-59]**.

On the night of the incident, assisting deputies canvassed the neighborhood to identify any potential witnesses. Deputy Kil contacted [redacted] who stayed in room #[redacted] of the Encore Inn, 3709 West Imperial Highway, Inglewood. Ms. [redacted] told Deputy Kil she heard gunshots **[Exhibit A, Deputy Kil's supplemental report, pages 58-59]**. Ms. [redacted] stood outside near room #[redacted] and saw a deputy crouched behind a vehicle. The deputy fired three rounds to the east, conducted a reload, and moved west toward a bush. On July 14, 2022, IAB investigator called Ms. [redacted] number, which was provided to Deputy Kil on the night of the incident. The number was no longer in service. Ms. [redacted] did not provide Deputy Kil enough identifiable information.

Deputy Tepale contacted [redacted] at [redacted] Ms. [redacted] told Deputy Tepale she heard approximately 20 gunshots **[Exhibit A, Deputy Tepale's supplemental report, page 60]**. Ms. [redacted] walked to the front door and saw Deputy Lee took cover behind a black vehicle parked in front of her residence. Deputy Lee reloaded his firearm and fired once in an easterly direction. Ms. [redacted] closed the front door and hid in her room. On July 14, 2022, IAB investigator spoke to Ms. [redacted] Ms. [redacted] said she did not recall the incident and declined to provide a statement regarding the incident.

SUSPECT STATEMENT

Suspect Stamps is deceased.

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Re: Non-Fatal Officer Involved Shooting of Edtwon Stamps
J.S.I.D. File #19-0255
L.A.S.D. File #019-04852-0399-013

Dear Captain Mendoza:

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the June 6, 2019, non-fatal shooting of Edtwon Stamps by Deputies Michael Lee and Quang Huynh of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Our detailed analysis of this incident is contained in the attached memorandum.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM

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The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the June 6, 2019, non-fatal shooting of Edtwon Stamps by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Deputies Michael Lee and Quang Huynh. We have determined that Deputy Lee and Huynh acted in lawful self-defense and defense of each other when they fired their duty weapons, and Stamps succumbed to injuries from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The District Attorney's Command Center was notified of this shooting on June 7, 2019, at approximately 12:01 a.m. The District Attorney Response Team responded to the scene and was given a briefing and walk-through by Lieutenant Charles Calderaro.

The following analysis is based on reports and other materials, including recorded interviews, photographs, video surveillance recordings, and radio communications submitted to this office by LASD Homicide Bureau. No compelled statements were considered in this analysis.

FACTUAL ANALYSIS

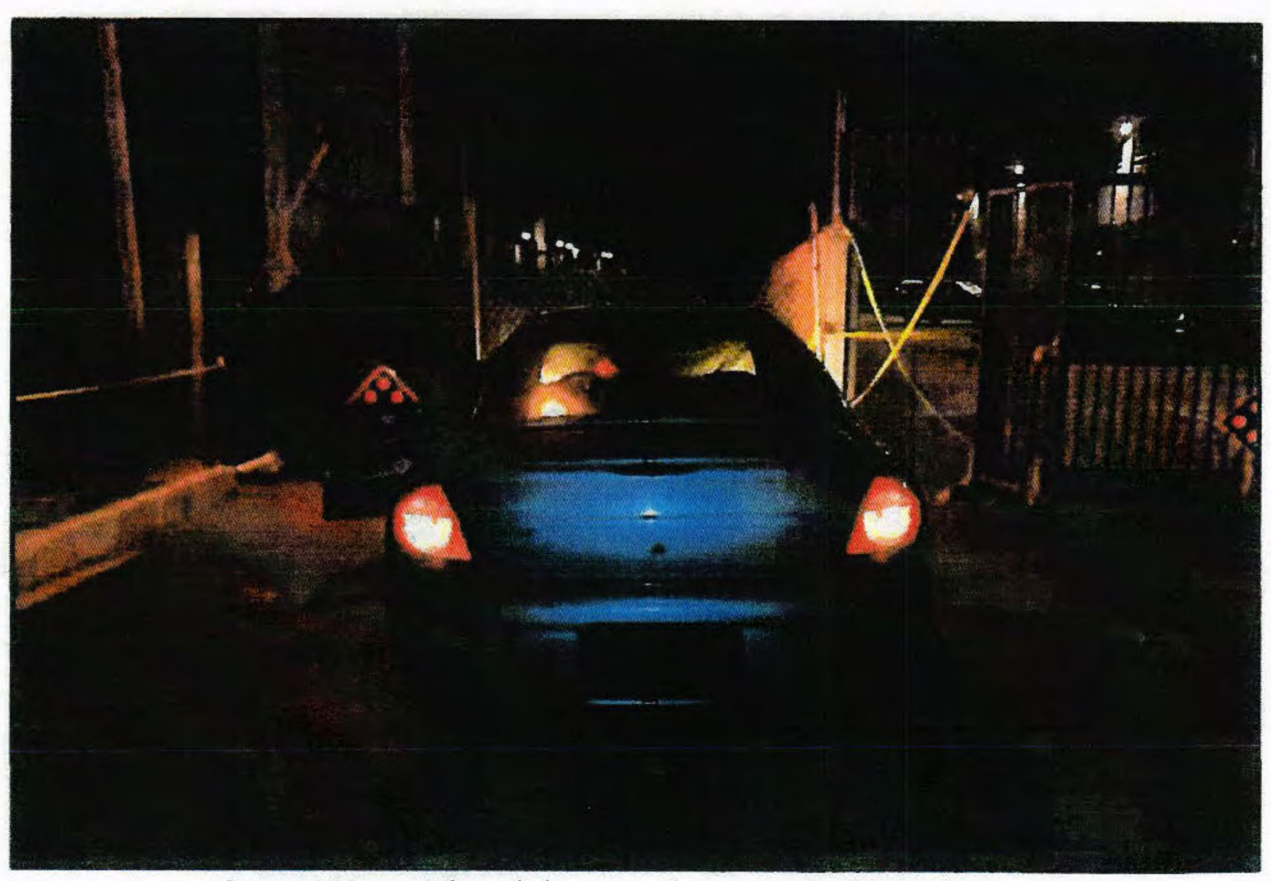
On the evening of June 6, 2019, Lee and Huynh were on-duty and working a uniformed patrol assignment. Lee and Huynh were partnered, and Lee was driving a marked patrol car. At approximately 10:18 p.m., the deputies were stopped at the intersection of Imperial Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard, and Huynh ran the license plate of another car, a Dodge Neon, stopped at the intersection. The registration of the Neon was expired.

The deputies conducted a traffic stop, and the driver of the Neon, Stamps, immediately pulled over to the north curb of Imperial Highway. Lee verbally contacted Stamps, who was the sole occupant, through Stamps' driver side window.[1] Huynh approached the passenger side of the

[1] Stamps was the registered owner of the Neon.

Neon and asked Stamps to turn the engine off, and Stamps complied. Lee asked Stamps for his driver's license. Stamps replied that he did not have a valid driver's license. Lee asked Stamps to exit the car. Stamps refused, and Lee attempted to open the driver side door by pulling on the handle. The car door was locked. Stamps started the ignition and drove westbound on Imperial Highway.

The deputies returned to their patrol car and followed Stamps, but lost sight of the Neon shortly after Stamps made a northbound turn. Lee made a few turns in the vicinity and then saw the Neon driving southbound on Yukon Avenue, north of Imperial Highway. Stamps turned west on Imperial Highway and Lee followed. Stamps made a wide U-turn and proceeded eastbound on Imperial Highway. Lee followed and saw the Neon turn and travel south on Yukon Avenue.[2] By the time Lee turned south on Yukon Avenue, the Neon was out of sight. When the deputies reached 115th Street, the next street south of Imperial Highway, they observed the Neon's brake lights to the west. The Neon was stopped at the end of the street resting against a metal barrier.



Stamps' Neon at the cul-de-sac on the west end of 115th Street.

The deputies saw Stamps exit the car and run in a northwest direction from the cul-de-sac over a wall and into a construction site toward Imperial Highway. Stamps left the key in the ignition with the engine running. Lee drove back to Imperial Highway to locate Stamps. As Lee drove west on Imperial Highway, the deputies saw Stamps on the south sidewalk adjoining the same

[2] Stamps' U-turn in the Neon followed by Lee's U-turn in the patrol car were captured by a southwest pointing surveillance camera located on the north sidewalk of Imperial Highway.

construction site he had entered on 115th Street. The construction site was surrounded by a dirt lot enclosed by a chain link fence. Lee turned and stopped the patrol car to the south curb and Huynh exited to contact Stamps.[3] Stamps ran westbound, away from Huynh, on Imperial Highway. Lee continued to drive westbound past Stamps and turned his patrol car in a southwest direction near a residential driveway. Positioned between Lee and Huynh, Stamps proceeded to walk south into the driveway and parking area in front of the residence as he produced a semiautomatic handgun. Video recordings from a surveillance camera affixed to a business on the north side of the street pointing in a southwest direction captured silhouettes of the deputies and Stamps, including some of their movements, and some muzzle flashes. Huynh was mostly outside the frame of this recording after the gunfight began as he moved further east. The recordings were not accompanied by any audio.



Lee parked the patrol car near the driveway of a residence on Imperial Highway. Stamps (circled) moved south in the parking area before the officer involved shooting.

LASD investigators interviewed both Lee and Huynh regarding the traffic stop and the circumstances leading up to the involved shooting. Lee told investigators that when he exited the patrol car, near the apron of the driveway, Stamps stopped and walked into the parking area away from Lee. Stamps made a motion to his waistband and drew a black semiautomatic handgun. Stamps took cover behind a car in the back of the driveway and pointed his gun at Lee. Lee fired his service weapon as he moved west for cover behind other cars parked west in the driveway. Lee was not sure who fired first, but believed Stamps fired two times at Lee. Once Lee took cover, he broadcasted over the radio that deputies were involved in a gunfight.

[3] The same surveillance camera that had capture the U-turns approximately two minutes earlier, captured Lee turning into the south sidewalk and Huynh exiting the patrol car to contact Stamps.

Lee saw Stamps point his gun and fire a round at Huynh, who was east of the driveway. Lee fired more rounds at Stamps until his gun malfunctioned. As he was reloading behind cover, he heard rounds being fired at him. Lee fired more rounds at Stamps and then his gun malfunctioned again. As he cleared the malfunction, Lee saw Stamps with a handgun in his hand walking to the patrol car, which was located between the deputies. Stamps entered the patrol car and sat in the driver seat. Stamps pointed his pistol at Lee through the front windshield. Lee fired at Stamps and heard the engine revving.[4] Lee fired more rounds at Stamps through the windshield.[5] Lee saw that Stamps had stopped moving and was slumped over. Additional deputies arrived shortly thereafter.

Huynh told investigators that after he exited the police car on Imperial Highway, he followed Stamps along the south sidewalk. Lee parked and exited the patrol while Huynh ran toward Stamps, who was standing in driveway. Huynh ordered Stamps to get on the ground. Stamps reached toward his waistband and produced a handgun. Stamps pointed the handgun at Huynh and fired. Simultaneously, Huynh also fired at Stamps. Huynh saw the muzzle flash from Stamps' gunfire. Huynh fired three to five rounds before his handgun malfunctioned. While Huynh took cover to clear his weapon, Huynh saw Stamps shooting in the direction of Lee, and Huynh fired more rounds at Stamps. Stamps then turned and fired at Huynh again. Huynh took cover and returned fire. Huynh fired all the rounds in his magazine. As Huynh reloaded, he saw Stamps in the parking area. He believed Stamps was repositioning himself to shoot at him again. In response, Huynh took cover behind a nearby telephone pole and saw Stamps enter the driver seat of the patrol car. Huynh saw Stamps shooting in Lee's direction by pointing his gun out the car door. He saw two muzzle flashes. In response, Huynh fired eight to 12 rounds at Stamps as he took cover behind the telephone pole east of the driveway. Huynh fired his service weapon until he saw Stamps slump over.[6]

[4] Lee did not turn off the engine when he exited the patrol car to contact Stamps.

[5] The physical evidence at the scene and an examination of Lee's service weapon and magazines indicated that Lee fired a total of 16 rounds from his .45 caliber semiautomatic handgun.

[6] The physical evidence at the scene and an examination of Huynh's service weapon and magazines indicated that Huynh fired a total of 29 rounds from his 9mm semiautomatic handgun.



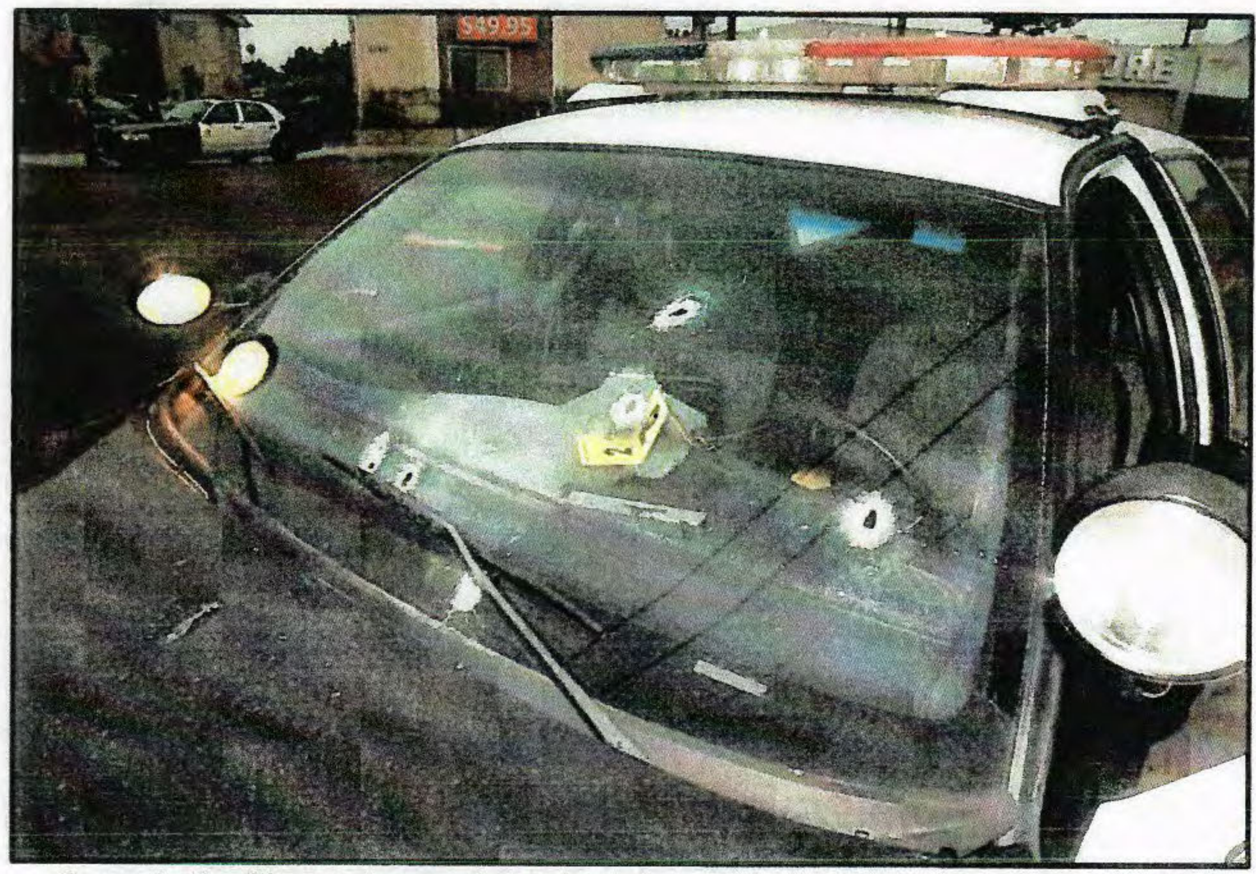
Stamps walked to and entered the patrol car.

LASD personnel arrived at the scene shortly after the deputies involved in the shooting determined that Stamps was hunched over in the driver seat of the patrol car. Deputies observed Stamps seated in the driver seat with a handgun under Stamps' hand. A deputy moved Stamps' left hand, retrieved the handgun from Stamps' lap, and placed it on the dashboard. Deputies then removed Stamps from the patrol car and began to administer first-aid before the fire department arrived and continued treatment. Stamps was transported to a hospital and later pronounced dead.

Investigators photographed and retrieved Stamps' pistol, a .40 caliber semiautomatic handgun.[7] The 15-round capacity magazine was not fully seated in the well of the gun, the chamber was empty, and the slide was slightly pushed back. The magazine was loaded with five unfired .40 caliber cartridges. Upon further laboratory examination, the handgun was determined to be functional and a bullet impact was observed on the front strap of the pistol's grip with corresponding damage to the magazine. Also, ten fired .40 caliber cartridge cases were collected from the scene indicating that Stamps fired a total of ten rounds from his handgun.

Among several bullet holes to the windshield, one bullet hole in the windshield and above the steering wheel had a trajectory consistent with the round being fired from inside the car and exiting through the windshield.

[7] In 2015, the handgun had been reported stolen in a residential burglary in Arizona. Also, Stamps' criminal record [redacted]



Stamps' .40 caliber semiautomatic handgun photographed on the patrol car's dashboard.

Investigators observed and photographed a blood trail between the rear of the parking area where Stamps was shooting and the patrol car.

On June 8, 2019, an autopsy was conducted, and the medical examiner determined that the cause of Stamps' death was a single gunshot wound to his head, which was immediately fatal. The medical examiner noted a muzzle imprint and conditions consistent with a contact wound to Stamps' right temple indicating that the muzzle was placed in direct skin contact at the time it was fired. The medical examiner determined that the gunshot wound was self-inflicted and the manner of death a suicide. Stamps' four other gunshot wounds were non-fatal.

LEGAL ANALYSIS

California law permits any person to use deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of others if he actually and reasonably believed that he or others were in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death. CALCRIM No. 3470. In protecting himself or another, a person may use that amount of force which he believes reasonably necessary and which would appear to a reasonable person, in the same or similar circumstances, to be necessary to prevent imminent injury. *Id.*

In California, the evaluation of the reasonableness of a police officer's use of deadly force employs a reasonable person acting as a police officer standard, which enables the jury to

evaluate the conduct of a reasonable person functioning as a police officer in a stressful situation. *People v. Mehserle* (2012) 206 Cal.App.4th 1125, 1146.

In evaluating whether a police officer's use of deadly force was reasonable in a specific situation, it is helpful to draw guidance from the objective standard of reasonableness adopted in civil actions alleging Fourth Amendment violations. "The 'reasonableness' of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight… The calculus of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments—in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving—about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation." *Graham v. Connor* (1989) 490 U.S. 386, 396-397.

Here, the deputies lawfully detained Stamps for a relatively minor traffic violation, expired registration. Initially, Stamps stopped his car and told deputies that he did not have a valid driver's license. When Lee ordered Stamps out of the car, Stamps refused and fled. The deputies pursued Stamps, losing sight of his car two times. Stamps ultimately drove into a cul-de-sac as the deputies approached in their patrol car. Stamps fled on foot armed with a loaded and operable semiautomatic handgun, which he unlawfully possessed. The deputies located Stamps again on Imperial Highway. With Lee and Huynh on either side of him, Stamps did not surrender. Stamps fired several rounds from his semiautomatic handgun at both Lee and Huynh in a lengthy gunfight. In response to the imminent and deadly threat Stamps posed throughout the incident, the deputies returned fire.

Despite being struck by gunfire, Stamps did not surrender. Approximately one minute after the gunfight began, Stamps entered the driver seat of the patrol car and continued to fire his handgun at Lee. In response, both deputies continued to fire their service weapons at Stamps. Ultimately, Stamps committed suicide by placing the barrel of his handgun to his head and shooting himself.

CONCLUSION

We conclude that the deadly force utilized by Deputy Michael Lee and Quang Huynh was legally justified in self-defense and the defense of each other.